

## CLAIMS:

1. A device (1) for preparing a heated liquid, said device (1) comprising:
  - a liquid transport channel (25) in communication with a liquid reservoir (11),
  - a steam inlet (16) which is connectable to a steam generator (32),
  - a liquid outlet (29), and
  - 5 - means for transporting a combined flow of at least liquid and steam to the liquid outlet (29),characterized in that the device comprises a cartridge (100) in which the liquid reservoir (11), the liquid transport channel (25), the means for transporting, and the liquid outlet (29) are provided.
- 10 2. A device (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the means for transporting comprise a first and a second chamber, wherein the liquid transport channel (25) discharges into the first chamber (26), and said first chamber (26) comprises the steam inlet (16), and wherein the second chamber (28) is connected to the first chamber (26) via a
- 15 restriction (27), and comprises the liquid outlet (29).
3. A device as claimed in claim 1, for use with a beverage-making appliance (15), characterized in that it is at least partly detachably connectable to the beverage-making appliance (15).
- 20 4. A device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the cartridge (100) is detachably connectable to the appliance via the steam inlet (16).
5. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said liquid transport
- 25 channel (25) comprises an air inlet (18).
6. A device as claimed in claim 5, characterized in that the air inlet (18) is closable.

7. A device as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that a valve (35) is provided for opening and closing the air inlet (18).
8. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the liquid comprises milk.
- 5 9. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the liquid comprises liquid coffee extract.
- 10 10. A device as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the first chamber (26) comprises a water inlet (31) which is connectable to a water reservoir (34).
11. A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that at least the second chamber (28) is provided with obstructions (36) for enhancing the frothing of liquid in the second chamber (28) during operation.
- 15 12. A device as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the liquid reservoir (11) is a refillable reservoir (11').
- 20 13. A device as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the liquid reservoir (11') is provided in an element (30) which is moveable between a first position in which it covers the liquid transport channel (25'), the first chamber (26'), the steam inlet (16'), the restriction (27'), the second chamber (28'), and the liquid outlet (29') during operation and a second position in which it leaves these components exposed for cleaning purposes in a non-operating status.
- 25 14. A beverage-making appliance (2) for use with a device (1) for preparing a heated liquid according to any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the appliance comprises a space (14) for receiving the device for preparing a heated liquid.
- 30 15. A beverage-making appliance (2) as claimed in claim 14, characterized in that the appliance comprises a steam generator (32) which is connectable to the steam inlet of the device upon receipt of the device in the space (14).

16. A beverage-making appliance (2) as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that the appliance comprises means (22) for opening a liquid flow path between the reservoir (11) and the liquid channel (25).

5 17. A system for preparing a beverage, comprising a beverage-making appliance according to any of the claims 13 to 15 and a device for preparing a heated liquid according to any of the claims 1 to 12.

18. A system as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the appliance has a  
10 housing, and the liquid outlet of the device extends outside the housing of the appliance.